

### Abstract

This invention is directed to processes for making substituted thiazoles. The substituted thiazole, ethyl 2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazole-5-carboxylate, also known as TEI-6720, is useful for treatment of gout and hyperuricemia. This compound belongs to a class of substituted thiazoles that inhibit xanthine oxidase and thus block uric acid production.